

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is also electioneering, which is illegal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is in the public interest to present both sides of the political story during this election. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and in this case the party they are affiliating with and less of what we need for our democracy.

It's more important that we see real people from our own communities; more substantive news about issues that matter and more from both sides of the Party line.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.